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Applicant: Philippe BERNA
Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO
HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE
Examiner/GAU: Tom Hughes/3206

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 1997, Dec 15, petition for extension of time and late fee attached, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please, rewrite claims 1-4, 7, 9 and 15-18 in amended form:

Sub 617 --1. (Seven times amended) The method of making a device for holding objects by clamping without any risk at all of damaging them comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a cylindrical support part,
- b) placing on said support part two arms of which [one] at least one is movable along said support part,
- c) securing to one of said two arms at a distance from said support part one substantially elastic buffer having under its contact face, which is approximately at a right angle to said support part, a [so large] thickness large enough so that said buffer could act as a compression spring.

51 --2. (Seven times amended) A device for holding objects by clamping without any risk at all of damaging them, comprising:

- a cylindrical support part,
- two arms of which [one] at least one is movable along said support part,
- and one substantially elastic buffer secured to one of said two arms at a distance from said support part, said buffer having under its contact face, which is at a right angle to said support part, a [so large] thickness large enough so that said buffer could act as a compression spring.

Sub 617 --3. (Five times amended) The device of claim 2 in which said [at least one] substantially elastic buffer comprises a ring which is covering part of said arm to which it is secured.